



“Sportsmanship. *It’s up to you.*”



The NMAA has adopted the National Federation of State High School Associations’ sportsmanship program and supporting NFHS Learning Center courses:

- NFHS - “Sportsmanship. *It’s up to you*” program
- NFHSLearn Course – “Sportsmanship”
- NFHSLearn Course – “The Role of the Parent in Sports”
- NFHSLearn Course – “Teaching and Modeling Behavior”

Rationale

- Uses our national organization concepts, materials, and resources as a standard
- Puts focus of NMAA expectations on sportsmanship and contests
- Allows local choice for in-depth character education programs
- Provides schools with an educational tool specific to unacceptable parent behavior

NFHS – “Sportsmanship. *It’s up to you*” program

- Based on respect and stems from personal responsibility
- Starts with a mindset and ends with behavioral choices
- Core Values
 - Respect
 - Integrity
 - Honesty
 - Teamwork
 - Leadership
 - Personal responsibility
- Campaign Implementation and resource kit (Tool Kit)
 - Campaign implementation guide (pdf)
 - Overview video about campaign and how to implement it
 - Motivational video to share with students and community (Pre-season Meetings)
 - Website and broadcast PSA’s
 - Scripts for live read PSA’s
 - Student pledge card
 - Art/logos/photos
 - Campaign guidelines
- Student/Community motivational video (6:11) – Pre-season Meetings
 - Participants – know the rules; play fair; be a role model; respect the officials; demonstrate self-control; treat opponents with respect
 - Fans – be courteous; stay positive; respect the officials; be supportive; be dignified; demonstrate self-control; report negative behavior

NFHSLearn Courses – online (www.nfhslearn.com)

NFHSLearn – “Sportsmanship” course

- “Free”, approximately 18:00 to complete
- Defines sportsmanship and core values
- Explore why sportsmanship is important to all (players, coaches, officials, parents, fans)
- Define roles for all constituents (players, coaches, officials, parents, fans)

NFHSLearn – “The Role of the Parent in Sports”

- “Free”, approximately 25:00 to complete
- What interscholastic athletics are about
- What you and your child want out of school sports
- Having a successful educational sport experience
- Making the call
- Plan for improvement
- Conclusion
- Resources – Communicating with Coaches; Do’s and Don’ts of Sport Parenting; Keeping Perspective; Parent Self-Assessment; Parent Self-Assessment Results; Parents that Coach Their Child in Sport; Probability of Competing in Sport Beyond high School; Sportsmanship Expectations; Videos: Hostile Crowd and Boisterous Parent

NFHSLearn – “Teaching and Modeling Behavior”

- \$20.00, approximately 35:00 to complete
- Teaching and modeling behavior (including “gamesmanship”)
- Effects of inappropriate behavior
- Teaching appropriate behavior
- Dealing with fans and parents
- Resources – Practice Drills; Promoting Sportsmanship; Sportsmanship Quotes; Pregame Announcements

NMAA Components

- Pre-Season meeting – show NFHS “Sportsmanship. *It’s up to you.*” motivational video from the tool kit (6:11)
- Ejections – please see “NMAA Ejection Policy” for sanctions for incidents involving students, parents, fans, coaches, school personnel, officials
- Award of Excellence – certificate from NFHS/NMAA suitable for framing to recognize schools/teams/individuals “FOR EXEMPLARY DISPLAY OF SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS & INTEGRITY”